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TO : Dr. [redacted] Chief, M/OSI.

DATE: 3 November 1955

FROM : [redacted] M/OSI

SUBJECT: Report of interview with [redacted], a 23-year old
airman, former Chinese POW, who was operated upon for appendicitis
while in their custody.

1. Airman [redacted] reported that the only anesthesia he had
at the time of surgery must have been an injection he received
in the right forearm about 15-20 minutes beforehand.

2. After listening to his account it is my opinion that [redacted]
undoubtedly was operated on under local anesthesia.

3. [redacted] reported that he became ill on the 2nd of August
1954 about 1700 hours and was operated upon at 2400 hours.
Fifteen minutes prior to surgery he was given an injection in the
right forearm with a syringe which was, as he described it, one
inch in diameter, 5 inches long and 2/3 full. It raised a large
welt on his forearm. At surgery he was draped and was unable to
see anything. He reported that he felt a few initial cuts with
a knife before the incision was made. He felt considerable pain
but did not struggle or cry out during the procedure. He has a
typical McBurney incision.

4. [redacted] probably misinterpreted the pricks of needle
injecting the local anesthesia as knife pricks. It is well known
that the Russians are using local anesthetics extensively.